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## ***ANNUAL REPORT***

**Town of**

**SOUTH THOMASTON**

**Maine**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 1976**



**Annual Report**

**of the**

**Municipal Officers**

**of the**

**Town of**

**South Thomaston**

**Maine**

**For Municipal Year**

**Ending December 31st**

**1976**

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## **Town Officers**

### Moderator

# WILLARD BROWN

**Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters**  
**ETHEL H. GODFREY**

**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF POOR and  
Town Agents**  
DONALD J. PAULSEN NANCY POMROY  
JOHN A. ELLIOT, SR.

**Treasurer and Tax Collector**  
**ETHEL H. GODFREY**

## Road Commissioner SELECTMEN

## School Directors

SALLY MERCHANT BARBARA COLBY  
RALPH TYLER

**Superintendent of Schools**  
**ROBERT A. SENA**

**Auditor**  
**SAWYER & SAWYER**

## **Plumbing Inspector GORDON BENNER**

**Constable**  
CHARLES ST. CLAIR, SR.

**Deputy Constable  
STEVEN GRIERSON**

## Constables — Fire Only

# ARTHUR GRIERSON

**Health Officer  
LINDA GODFREY**

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## **Building Inspector**

### **Town Forest Wardens**

WILLARD BROWN WAYNE BROWN  
EARL WIDDECOMBE

## Fire Chief

# THE CHIEF WILLARD BROWN

## **Assistant Chiefs**

WAYNE BROWN EARL WIDDECOMBE

## **Code Enforcement Officer**

## THOMAS LEVASSEUR

## **Election Clerks**

MRS. ANNIE DENNISON      MRS. MYRTLE ALLEN  
MRS. BEBE WATERMAN      MRS. ANNE COUSENS

## **Substitute Clerks**

MRS. MARY HARJULA      MRS. ARLENE EMERSON  
                                  MRS. MARYLYN NOLAN

## Civil Defense Director

## WILLARD BROWN

**representative to Legisla  
BONNIE POST**

BONNIE POST

58, Rockland, Maine  
Telephone 594-9263

## Planning Board

WILLIAM ATWOOD      WILLIAM BUTMAN  
JOHN HANSEN      PHILIP SARGENT  
STEVEN SLAGLE      NANCY POMROY

## Conservation Commission

VERNA BAUM WILLIAM CURTIS  
JOHN HANSEN JOHN TRIPP  
DOROTHY SPAULDING

## *Report of Assessors*

### **Appropriations 1976**

Administration	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Department	2,500.00
Fire Hose and Equipment	1,500.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Ambulance Reserve Fund	500.00
Mid-Coast Mental Health	135.00
Mid-Coast Home Health	250.00
Mid-Coast Human Resource Council	831.00
Sea Me. Services	800.00
General Highways	8,000.00
State Aid Road	1,062.00
Street Lights	1,000.00
Veterans' Burial Ground	100.00
Revolutionary War Soldiers Plaque	125.00
Tarring	2,000.00
Mid-Coast Regional Planning	134.68
Fire Truck Loan	1,500.00
Town Park & Landings	200.00
Cemeteries	400.00
Solid Waste Disposal	2,500.00
Grange Hall	500.00
Recreation	1,000.00
Elm Tree Protection	700.00
Channel 10 TV	50.00
Library	75.00
Pee-Wee Football and Basketball	100.00
Municipal Building Interest	2,000.00
Municipal Building Grounds	500.00
Bicentennial Committee	100.00
Red School	1,000.00
Planting Shade Trees	500.00
Total Appropriation	\$ 37,562.68

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Schools	\$154,638.00
County Tax	9,384.00
Overlay	9,278.95
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	173,300.95
Total	\$210,863.63
Less:	
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 4,557.75
Inventory Tax	1,524.72
State Tax Relief	5,360.00
	_____
	\$ 11,442.47
	_____
	\$199,421.16

**Property Valuation**

Lands	\$3,766,697.00
Buildings	7,248,598.00
Personal	380,200.00
	_____
	\$11,395,495.00
Tax Rate	.0175
	_____
	\$199,421.16
Commitment	\$199,421.16
Inventory Tax	1,524.72
Supplemental	1,195.00
	_____
Total	\$202,140.88

**Transferred from Surplus and Excise Tax**

Administration	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Fire Hose and Equipment	1,000.00
General Highways	9,000.00

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State Aid Road	2,124.00
Street Lights	1,000.00
Tarring	2,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	1,500.00
Recreation	1,000.00
New Sander	2,100.00
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	\$ 25,724.00

**Exempt Property**

Property of Veterans and Widows	\$104,400.00
Town Property	122,000.00
Other Exempt Property	221,800.00
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	\$448,200.00

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. PAULSEN  
NANCY POMROY  
JOHN A. ELLIOT, SR.

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## ***Tax Collector's Report***

Commitment	\$199,421.22
Supplemental	1,195.00
Inventory Tax	1,524.72
	\$202,140.94

Credits:

Cash Collection	\$185,633.07
Abatements	1,255.00
Uncollected 1976 Taxes	15,110.82
Balance Collected 1975	142.05
	\$202,140.94
Prior Years 1975-1971	\$ 10,587.45
	\$ 10,587.45

Credits:

Cash Collections	\$ 7,806.19
Tax Liens	2,209.51
Uncollected	571.75
	\$ 10,587.45
1976 Uncollected Taxes	\$ 15,110.82
Prior Years Uncollected Taxes	571.75
Total Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1976	\$ 15,682.57

## **Uncollected 1976 Taxes**

### **Resident**

Alley, Arthur Sr.	\$ 253.75
Alley, Arthur Jr.	8.75
Alley, Martha	43.75
Barnes, Mattie	336.00
**Bartlett, Arthur and Priscilla	315.00
*Bassick, Walter and Catherine	50.25
Chadbourne, Elwyn and Mildred	119.00
Chapman, Kenneth and Peggy	358.75
Chase, Dorothy	297.50
Coley, Nick	193.38
Cottrell, Leroy and Gladys	309.75
Dennison, Alfred	90.25
Dimaggio, Paul and Schirmer, Wm.	178.50

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*Drinkwater, Norma	286.75
Drinkwater, Norman Jr. and Dorothy	122.50
*Elwell, Darrel Sr.	124.25
Elwell, Herbert Sr.	127.75
*Erickson, Anne	128.25
Eugley, Frederick and Marianne	399.00
Godfrey, Joseph and Dorothy	175.00
Grierson, William	408.00
Howard, Pauline	157.50
*Lehto, Victor and Arolyn	124.25
Mackle, Doris	323.75
Mackie, Thomas	105.00
Mahonen, Elias Heirs	98.00
Mahonen, William	131.25
Marcy, Charles and Karen	393.75
*Maxwell, Jeremy and Ann	87.50
*McClure, Charles and Audrey	160.00
**McKay, Charles and Camilla	150.50
Phillips, Freeland and Hilda	78.50
Peters, Evelyn	87.50
Rackliff, Carroll	386.75
Rackliff, Ernest	508.25
**Rahkonen, Iauno	336.00
Richardson, Steven E.	428.75
**Robinson, Foster and Laura	624.75
**Rowe, Frank and Anne	472.50
Sleeper, Jesse W.	252.00
*Sleeper, J. W. Store	28.69
Small, Gerald	61.25
**Small, Janette	130.00
Swartz, Gloria	455.00
Sylvester, Austin and Jane	462.25
Tooley, Robert and Eileen	350.00
White, Edythe	358.75
Wood, Herbert C. Sr.	359.50
**Young, Roger	528.50
 Total	 \$ 11,966.57

\*Balance

\*\*Since Paid

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**Non-Resident**

**Ball, Robert and Pauline	\$	94.50
Boynton, Geremine		770.00
*Britto, Richard		236.25
Brooks, Lawrence and Reynold		105.00
Brooks, Lawrence, Reynold and Michael		43.75
Brooks, Lawrence and Crute, Carl		262.50
Dowling, Benedict and Lilla		87.50
**Edwards, Paul H.		463.75
Erickson, Carl and Mary		70.00
Gardiner, Diane C.		358.75
**Ranger, Susan		35.00
Roderick, John and Pauline		227.50
**Smith, Reginald and Grace		105.00
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Total		\$ 2,859.50

\*Balance

\*\*Since Paid

**Uncollected Prior Years' Taxes**

**1975**

Alley, Arthur J.	\$	7.25
Rackliff, Ernest		178.50
Total		\$ 185.75

**1974**

Dennison, Alfred	\$	65.25
Drinkwater, Norman and Dorothy		56.00
Rackliff, Ernest		144.35
Total		\$ 265.60

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1973

Drinkwater, Norman and		
Dorothy	\$	56.00
Rackliff, Ernest		22.40
Small, Gerald		42.00
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Total	\$	120.40

Part payments may be made on tax accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL H. GODFREY

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***Town Clerk's Report***

1976

Births	10
Deaths	14
Marriages	19

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL H. GODFREY

Town Clerk

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## **Treasurer's Report**

Cash Balance, January 1, 1976 \$ 29,997.46

### Receipts for 1976

Taxes		
1976	\$185,633.07	
1975-1971	7,806.19	
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Total		\$193,439.26
Tax Liens		
1974	\$ 1,326.76	
1975	780.59	
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Total		\$ 2,107.35
Excise Tax Receipts		
1976	\$ 19,373.56	
1977	3,929.69	
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Total		\$ 23,303.25
Tax Anticipation Loan	\$ 65,000.00	
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Total		\$ 65,000.00

## Reimbursements

Snow Removal	\$ 1,700.00
Dutch Elm Work	294.00
Street Lights	19.20
Calcium	46.95
Culverts	229.68
Inventory Tax	20.85
New England Pipe Co.	28.67
Insurance Claim—Monitor	119.95
Junk Yard Permit Costs	23.52
Rescue Class Course	132.00
Civil Defense	698.98
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Total	\$ 3,313.80

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**Other Receipts**

Tax Relief Certificate	\$ 5,360.00
Recreation	2,000.00
Town Clerk Licenses and Code	2,575.25
Plumbing Fees	64.80
Fire Donation	10.00
Ambulance Service	65.00
Town of Owls Head (Ambulance)	1,200.00
Ambulance Donations	40.00
Ambulance Donations in Memory of:	
Weston Arey	223.00
Emma Johnson	5.00
Milton Sturges, Jr.	10.00
Snowmobile Tax	264.00
Junk Yard Permit	50.00
Grange Hall Rent	380.00
Sale of Wood	653.65
New Trust Funds	600.00
Trust Fund Income	695.13
Town Acquired Property	809.44
Interest	1,028.71
Copy Machine	5.45
Revenue Sharing:	
Federal	13,298.00
State	5,473.92
Account (Bank)	7,857.14
 Total	\$ 42,668.49
 Total Cash Receipts	\$359,829.61
Selectmen's Warrants Paid	318,147.89
 Cash Balance, December 31, 1976	\$ 41,681.72

**Reconciliation of Treasurer's Bank Balance**

Bank Statement	\$ 42,996.23
(Maine National Bank)	
Add Deposit Not Credited	8,521.62
	 \$ 51,517.85

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Deduct Outstanding Checks	9,836.13
Check Book Balance January 1, 1977	\$ 41,681.72

**Tax Liens 1975**

Chadbourne, Elwyn and Mildred	\$ 108.80
Dennison, Alfred	89.68
Dowling, Benedict and Lilla	82.94
Drinkwater, Norman Jr. and Dorothy	112.55
Mackie, Doris	285.14
Mackie, Thomas	97.55
Mahonen, William	119.30
Rackliff, Carroll	83.92
Rahkonen, Tauno	294.89
Small, Gerald	21.75
Wood, Herbert	316.97
 Total	\$ 1,613.49

Tax Liens become Town Property November 14, 1977.  
Part payments may be made on Tax Liens.

**TRUST FUNDS**

Mary Adams	\$ 100.00
Fred and Louisa Allen	300.00
Horace C. and Georgianna Frye Allen	300.00
Allen - Norton - Pierson	300.00
James and Nellie Anderson	300.00
Minnie Babb	1,000.00
James Merrill and Mary Agnes Bartlett	300.00
Joseph T. and Flora J. Baum	400.00
Leland and Helena Beal	300.00
Carrie Brainerd	200.00
George W. and Susan Frye Burding	300.00
John and Annie Burton	300.00
Guilford B. Butler	1,700.00
Fred Clark	300.00
Coombs - Clement	600.00
Albert W. Davis, Sr.	200.00

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Maynard Dean	150.00
Samuel Dennison	200.00
Augustus Fales	1,000.00
Benjamin Fales	100.00
Osvaldo Asto and Genevieve Ferrero	300.00
Laurettus Fogg	200.00
C. D. S. Godfrey	300.00
Winslow and Eugenia Godfrey	200.00
Godfrey - Goodale	300.00
Joseph Graves	90.00
Henderson Fund	100.00
Evelyn Hix	200.00
Earl L. Hopkins	300.00
S. O. Hurd	100.00
Alexander Jackson	300.00
Clarence Jackson	300.00
Hattie Jackson	200.00
John Jacobson	50.00
Merle and Nettie Jillson	300.00
Charles Kellar	200.00
Nettie Lawry	200.00
MacCausland - Holbrook	500.00
Amos and Myrtle Makinen	300.00
McKenney - Dean	200.00
Agnes McKnight	50.00
Alonzo Maker	300.00
Sarah J. and Susan E. Millay	300.00
Isaac and Rebecca Morgan	400.00
Bernice Newborg	800.00
Philip and Mae Patch	300.00
Herman Payson	300.00
Charles and Johanna Peterson	300.00
Ralph Philbrook	150.00
Kenneth and Marilyn Pierce	300.00
Arthur J. Pierce	300.00
Orrin Pierce	100.00
Ira Poole	300.00
Jennie Putnam	200.00
Archie and Edna Rackliff	300.00
Eugene and Lillian W. Rackliff	600.00
Rackliff Family	300.00

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Miriam Bartlett Rezac	300.00
Iva Rowell	1,200.00
Edwin Shea	2,500.00
Maude Simmons Shea	500.00
Susie C. and Helen E. Sleeper	300.00
George F. Sleeper	300.00
Snow Fund	100.00
Georgia M. Snow	200.00
Mary Ada Snow	200.00
Ruth Hanley Snow	150.00
J. P. Spaulding	150.00
Spaulding - Green	300.00
Reuben and Ellen Standeven	300.00
James and Harriet Steele	300.00
Guy and Winona Ware	300.00
Charles S. and Ella D. Watts	300.00
Edwin Wheeler	200.00
James and Hazel Williams	300.00
J. W. Woodward	50.00
Williamson Fund	600.00
Williamson - Gray	300.00
Leamon and Mary Young	300.00
Horace Allen Nautical Fund	500.00
Monroe Trust Fund	4,000.00
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Total	\$ 31,940.00

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL H. GODFREY  
Treasurer

## *Selectmen's Report*

### **Administration**

Balance from 1975	\$ 1,349.90
Appropriation	5,000.00
Surplus	2,500.00
Excise Tax	2,500.00
Town Clerk Fees	2,575.25
Tax Lien Costs	110.75
Snowmobile Registration	264.00
Deed	20.00
Junk Yard Permit and Costs	73.52
Copy Machine	5.45
Plumbing Inspector Fees	64.80
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	\$ 14,463.67

### **Payments**

State Treasurer, License Fees	\$ 2,020.50
State Treasurer, Tree Permits	1.00
State Treasurer, Plumbing Permits	64.80
State Library, Law Books	52.75
Postmaster, Postage	290.40
Sawyer & Sawyer, Audit	353.20
The Bald Mountain Co., Town Reports	903.00
Maine National Bank, Box Rent	10.00
Register of Deeds	96.83
David Pollock, Notary	27.00
Courier Gazette, Notices	189.24
Hutchin Brothers, Supplies	29.95
Huston Tuttle Inc., Supplies	3.95
Rockland Business Machines, Supplies	1.90
Marks Printing House, Supplies	211.20
James W. Sewall Co., Maps	214.00
Clarence I. Joy Co., Bond	67.00
Branham Publishing Co., Supplies	16.10
Robert Whitely, Assessors Course	25.00

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Nancy Arey, Course Supplies	5.00
Maine Municipal Assoc., Legal Hearing	20.00
Maine Municipal Assoc., Dues	352.98
Maine Municipal Tax Collector and Treas. Assoc., Dues	6.00
Maine Town & City Clerk Assoc., Dues	5.00
Maine Assessors Assoc., Dues	9.00
Primary Election, Payroll	80.00
National Election, Payroll	120.00
Ethel Godfrey, Supplies	8.69
Selectmen's Salaries	
Donald Paulsen	1,000.00
Nancy Pomroy	600.00
John Elliot, Sr.	600.00
Ethel Godfrey, Treas, Tax Collector and Secretary	4,740.70
Ethel Godfrey, Registrar	50.00
Willard Brown, Fire Chief	300.00
Wayne Brown, Assistant Chief	150.00
Earl Widdecombe, Assistant Chief	150.00
Charles St. Clair, Constable	75.00
Steven Grierson, Deputy Constable	25.00
Linda Godfrey, Deputy Clerk	51.45
Linda Godfrey, Health Officer	25.00
Thomas Levasseur, Code Officer	25.00
Willard Brown, Moderator	15.00
Central Maine Power Co.	524.94
New England Telephone	324.19
Dunn & Elliot, Oil	1,478.07
Dunn & Elliot, Tank Insurance	6.00
Dunn & Elliot, Repairs	29.00
Dunn & Elliot, Stove	127.54
Sleepers Store	53.13
H. H. Crie Co., Supplies	114.87
Sprowl & Lash, Supplies	37.07
M. Pearson Jewett, Repairs	110.56
Donald Paulsen, Supplies	15.84
Johnson's Agway, Supplies	15.05
Joseph Baum, Plowing Snow	40.00

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Earl Widdecomb, Cleaning	12.00
Lewis Yattaw, Cleaning	12.00
Studley Hardware Co., Mower	99.81
St. Paul Stamp Works, Supplies	16.45
Sears Roebuck Co., Cleaner	104.47
Holmes Swift Co.	23.90
W. H. Shurtleff Co.	8.29
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	\$ 16,144.82
Overdraft	\$ 1,681.15

**Municipal Building**

Federal Revenue Sharing	\$ 7,857.14
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	\$ 7,857.14

**Payments**

Maine National Bank, Loan	\$ 7,857.14
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	\$ 7,857.14

**Fire Protection**

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
Transferred from Surplus	1,000.00
Donation	10.00
W. C. Ladd & Son, Claim	119.95
New England Pipe Co., Reimbursement	28.67
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	\$ 3,658.62

**Payments**

N. E. Telephone, Red Network	\$ 542.91
Silver Inc., Tank	300.00
Rockland Auto Supply, Supplies	53.11
South End Exxon Station, Gas and Oil	366.38
United Auto Inc.	56.69
Blanchard Associates, Inc., Supplies	83.62
H. H. Crie Co., Supplies	173.64

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Rockland Business Machines, Repairs	18.50
Roland A. Gentner Inc., Inspection	18.00
Rapose Hardware & Auto, Supplies	27.71
Blue Finns, Oxygen	6.00
Watson Radio Service	329.60
Rogers Electronics, Supplies	6.00
Earl Widdecombe, Supplies	.95
Farrar Brown	47.74
Dunn & Elliot Co.	14.25
Grossmans, Supplies	6.86
Knox-Lincoln Farmers Coop., Supplies	12.98
Salt Water Shop, Supplies	5.95
K-L Farm Home Marine, Supplies	52.95
State Treasurer, Surplus Property	46.25
Joe Wigon	85.00
Fire Payroll	1,924.50
Maintenance Payroll	560.00
Maine Fire Chief Assoc., Dues	10.00
Knox County Mutual Aid Assoc.	25.00
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	\$ 4,774.59
Overdraft	<hr/>
	\$ 1,115.97

**Ambulance**

Balance from 1975	\$ 800.66
Town of Owls Head	1,200.00
Services	65.00
Rescue Course Class	132.00
Donations in Memory of:	
Weston Arey	223.00
Emma Johnson	5.00
Milton Sturges Jr.	10.00
Donations	40.00
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	\$ 2,475.66

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**Payments**

South End Exxon Station, Gas	\$ 178.40
Corine Elwell, Gas	6.40
Davis Texaco, Gas	10.00
American Red Cross, Text and Supplies	86.10
Treasurer of State, License	7.00
Mid-Coast Ambulance and Rescue Assoc., Dues	10.00
Lloyd Drinkwater, Training	135.68
United Auto Parts, Supplies	6.35
State Treasurer, Surplus Property	2.75
Blanchard's Associates Inc., Oxygen	27.00
Morris Gordon & Sons, Oxygen	4.40
Roland A. Gentner, Inspection	2.00
Frankie's Garage, Repairs	49.90
James W. Sewall Co., Maps	13.10
Geo. C. Frye Co., Supplies	60.91
Kennebec Valley Voc. Tech. Inst., Training	425.00
Ambulance Payroll	1,138.50
Ambulance Maintenance Payroll	140.00
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	\$ 2,303.49
Balance to 1977	\$ 172.17

**New Truck Loan**

Balance from 1975	\$ 4,683.00
Appropriation	1,500.00
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	\$ 6,183.00

**Payments**

Farmers Home Admin., Loan and Interest	\$ 3,238.00
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Balance to 1977	\$ 2,945.00

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**Fire Hose and Equipment**

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
Transferred from Surplus	1,000.00
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	\$ 2,500.00

**Payments**

Fire Apparatus Service, Hose and Supplies	\$ 2,504.00
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	\$ 2,504.00
Overdraft	\$ 4.00

**Civil Defense**

Balance from 1975	\$ 479.03
U.S. Treasury	698.98
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	\$ 1,178.01

**Payments**

State Treasurer, Surplus Property	\$ 82.00
Willard Brown, Salary	35.00
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	117.00
Balance to 1977	\$ 1,061.01

**Street Lights**

Balance from 1975	\$ 211.73
Appropriation	1,000.00
Transferred from Surplus	1,000.00
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Philip Sargent, Light	19.20
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	\$ 2,019.20

**Payments**

Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 2,005.23
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	2,005.23
Balance to 1977	\$ 13.97

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**Insurance**

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
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	\$ 2,500.00

**Payments**

Clarence I. Joy Co.	\$ 2,953.00
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	\$ 2,953.00
Overdraft	\$ 453.00

**Elm Tree Protection**

Appropriation	\$ 700.00
State Treasurer, Reimbursement	194.00
Maine Assoc. of Conservation	100.00
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	\$ 994.00

**Payments**

Parker's Tree Service	\$ 435.00
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	\$ 435.00
Balance to 1977	\$ 559.00

**Planting of Shade Trees**

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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	\$ 500.00
Payments	
Balance to 1977	\$ 500.00

**Ambulance Reserve Fund**

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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	\$ 500.00
Payments	
Balance to 1977	\$ 500.00

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**General Highways**

Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00
Transferred from Excise Tax	9,000.00
State Treasurer, Snow Removal	1,700.00
Joseph Baum, Calcium	39.90
Laurence Philbrook, Calcium	7.05
James Robichau, Culvert	134.64
William Sawyer, Culvert	95.04
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	\$ 18,976.63

**Payments**

General Maintenance:	
Lawrence Philbrook, Truck	\$ 535.00
Lawrence Philbrook, Labor	710.83
Lawrence Philbrook, Supplies	2.74
Amos Norton, Labor	363.75
George Hall, Gravel	185.25
W. H. Shurtleff, Calcium	111.21
Randy Fogg, Litter Clean-up	20.50
Michael Ranquist, Litter Clean-up	17.50
Donald Paulsen, Posts	50.00
Marriners Inc., Tar Patch	471.24
Rapose Hardware & Auto, Supplies	2.44
Maritime Oil	8.70
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Total General Maintenance	\$ 2,479.16

**Winter Maintenance**

John Mitchell:	
Plowing Contract	5,500.00
Sanding Truck	1,366.20
Sanding Labor	670.45
Sand Loader	333.50
Travel Expenses	10.00
Fred Batty	422.12
Wayne Hilt, Plowing	2,000.00
W. H. Shurtleff Co., Salt	3,515.58
George C. Hall, Sand	2,275.00
Lawrence Philbrook:	
Snowfence, Truck	91.20
Snowfence, Labor	127.28

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Amos Norton, Labor	105.35
Brian Rackliff, Labor	24.50
Marine Hydraulic Eng. Co., Supplies	27.87
Howard P. Fairfield, Inc., Parts	180.36
R. W. Ilvonen, Repairs and Parts	738.42
N. E. Municipal and Construction Co., Parts & Supplies	1,073.70
Bicknells Mfg. Co., Parts	18.46
H. H. Crie, Supplies	20.11
Fuller Equipment Co., Parts	38.40
 Total Winter Maintenance	 \$ 18,538.42
 Total General Highway	 \$ 21,017.58
 Overdraft	 \$ 2,040.95

**State Aid Road**

Balance from 1975	\$ 651.20
Appropriation	1,062.00
Transferred from Excise	2,124.00
	\$ 3,837.20
 Balance to 1977	 \$ 3,837.20

**Tarring Town Roads**

Balance from 1975	\$ 220.25
Appropriation	2,000.00
Transferred from Excise	2,000.00
	\$ 4,220.25
 Balance to 1977	 \$ 4,220.25

**New Sander**

Transferred from Surplus	\$ 2,100.00
	\$ 2,100.00
 Balance to 1977	 \$ 2,100.00

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**Town Park and Landing**

Balance from 1975	\$ 570.31
Appropriation	200.00
	\$ 770.31

**Payments**

Gerald Harjula, Mowing	\$ 35.77
Clinton Grierson, Mowing	28.00
Pleasant Beach:	
Lawrence Philbrook, Truck	45.60
Lawrence Philbrook, Labor	63.60
Amos Norton, Labor	66.15
Lawrence Philbrook, Tractor	34.40
	\$ 273.52
Balance to 1977	\$ 496.79

**Recreation**

Balance from 1975	\$ 2,119.94
Appropriation	1,000.00
Transferred from Surplus	1,000.00
State Treasurer	2,000.00
	\$ 6,119.94

**Payments**

Maine Group, Fees	\$ 200.00
Irving I. Smith, Gravel	1,500.00
	\$ 1,700.00
Balance to 1977	\$ 4,419.94

**Library**

Balance from 1975	\$ 4.12
Appropriation	75.00
	\$ 79.12

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**Payments**

The Old Spaulding House, Books	\$	69.90
	\$	69.90
Balance to 1977	\$	9.22

**Pee Wee Basketball**

Appropriation	\$	50.00
	\$	50.00

**Payments**

Pee Wee Basketball	\$	50.00
	\$	50.00

**Pee Wee Football**

Appropriation	\$	50.00
	\$	50.00

**Payments**

Pee Wee Football	\$	50.00
	\$	50.00

**Channel 10 TV Station**

Appropriation	\$	50.00
	\$	50.00

**Payments**

WCBB Channel	\$	50.00
	\$	50.00

**Little Red School House**

Balance from 1975	\$	104.12
Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
	\$	1,104.12

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**Payments**

Central Maine Power Co.	\$ 46.23
Sprowl & Lash Inc., Materials	180.40
Sprowl & Lash Inc., Supplies	47.87
Alton Pierce, Labor	456.00
Tammy Paulsen, Cleaning	7.50
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	\$ 738.00
Balance to 1977	\$ 366.12

**Grange Hall**

Balance from 1975	\$ 1,073.00
Appropriation	500.00
Rent	380.00
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	\$ 1,953.00

**Payments**

Central Maine Power Co., Lights	\$ 92.77
Kallocks Fuel Service, Oil	267.32
Kallocks Fuel Service, Repairs	287.45
H. H. Crie Co., Supplies	4.25
E. Colson, Garbage	1.00
Sleepers Store, Supplies	4.41
Joseph Baum, Plowing	6.00
Gerald Harjula, Mowing	20.00
Morris Gordon & Son., Fire Extinguisher	54.48
Schofield Carpet & Color Center, Floor Sealer	86.90
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	\$ 824.58
Balance to 1977	\$ 1,128.42

**General Welfare**

Balance from 1975	\$ 987.40
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	\$ 987.40

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**Payments**

McLoon Oil Co., Oil	\$ 31.44
Sleepers Store, Supplies	40.12
Mid-Coast Human Services,	
Food Stamps	126.00
Dr. Thomas Williams, Medical	100.00
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	\$ 297.56
Balance to 1977	\$ 689.84

**Sea Me. Service**

Appropriation	\$ 800.00
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	\$ 800.00

**Payments**

Operation Sea Me.	\$ 800.00
	_____
	\$ 800.00

**Health Service**

Balance from 1975	\$ 129.74
	_____
Balance to 1977	\$ 129.74

**Solid Waste Disposal**

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
Transferred	1,500.00
	_____
	\$ 4,000.00

**Payments**

City of Rockland	\$ 4,012.00
	_____
Overdraft	\$ 12.00

**Mid-Coast Mental Health**

Appropriation	\$ 135.00
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	\$ 135.00

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**Payments**

Mid-Coast Mental Health	\$ 135.00
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	\$ 135.00

**Mid-Coast Home Health**

Appropriation	\$ 250.00
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	\$ 250.00

**Payments**

Mid-Coast Home Health	\$ 250.00
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	\$ 250.00

**Mid-Coast Human Resource Council**

Appropriation	\$ 831.00
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	\$ 831.00

**Payments**

Mid-Coast Human Resource Council	\$ 831.00
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	\$ 831.00

**Eastern Mid-Coast Regional Planning**

Appropriation	\$ 134.68
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	\$ 134.68

**Payments**

Eastern Mid-Coast Regional Planning	\$ 134.68
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	\$ 134.68

**Municipal Building Grounds**

Balance from 1975	\$ 287.46
Appropriation	500.00
Sale of Wood	653.65
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	\$ 1,441.11

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<b>Payments</b>	
Anthony Oliveri, Labor	\$ 82.96
George Farley, Labor	10.98
Lawrence Philbrook, Gravel	22.50
Lawrence Philbrook, Saw	2.25
Lawrence Philbrook, Truck	89.50
Lawrence Philbrick, Labor	83.48
Vernon Ranquist, Saw	276.27
Gerald Harjula, Mowing	44.36
Clinton Grierson, Mowing	17.50
Amos Norton, Labor	46.55
John Mitchell, Gravel	360.00
John Mitchell, Labor	120.00
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	\$ 1,181.76
Balance to 1977	<hr/>
	\$ 259.35

**Bicentennial Committee**

Balance from 1975	\$ 100.00
Appropriation	100.00
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	\$ 200.00
Balance to 1977	<hr/>
	\$ 200.00

**Shellfish Conservation**

Balance from 1975	\$ 160.96
Balance to 1977	<hr/> \$ 160.96

**Veterans Burial Ground**

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
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**Payments**

Michael Tyler, Mowing	\$ 38.50
Elbert Burton, Jr., Mowing	50.00
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	88.50
Balance to 1977	<hr/>
	\$ 11.50

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**Cemetery Care**

Appropriation	\$ 400.00
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<b>\$ 400.00</b>	
<b>Payments</b>	
Elbert Barton	\$ 150.00
Clinton Grierson	10.50
Gerald Harjula	28.00
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	188.50
Balance to 1977	\$ 211.50

**Revolutionary War Soldiers Plaque**

Appropriation	\$ 125.00
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<b>\$ 125.00</b>	
<b>Payments</b>	
Music Land, Plaque	\$ 142.50
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	\$ 142.50
Overdraft	\$ 17.50

**Interest on Trust Funds**

Balance from 1975	\$ 20.19
Trust Fund Income	695.13
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\$ 715.32

**Payments**

Elbert Burton, Jr., Mowing	\$ 150.00
Michael Tyler, Mowing	275.50
Clinton Grierson, Mowing	59.50
Ocean View Cemetery	198.00
Town of Owls Head	25.00
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	\$ 708.00
Balance to 1977	\$ 7.32

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**New Trust Funds**

John A. and Annie M. Burton	\$ 300.00
Herman Payson	300.00
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	\$ 600.00

**Payments**

Trust Funds invested at Heritage Savings Bank	\$ 600.00
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	\$ 600.00

**Interest on Municipal Building**

Balance from 1975	\$ 461.50
Appropriation	2,000.00
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	\$ 2,461.50

**Payments**

Maine National Bank	\$ 2,210.30
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	2,210.30
Balance to 1977	\$ 251.20

**Interest**

Balance from 1975	\$ 502.19
Interest from Taxes and Liens	467.45
Interest from Tax Relief Certificate	594.08
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	\$ 1,563.72

**Payments**

Maine National Bank:	
Tax Anticipation Loan Interest	\$ 1,243.84
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	\$ 1,243.84
Balance to 1977	\$ 319.88

**Tax Anticipation Loan**

Maine National Bank	\$ 6,500.00
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	\$ 6,500.00

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**Payment**

Maine National Bank	\$ 6,500.00
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	\$ 6,500.00.

**Municipal Building Loan**

Federal Revenue Sharing Account	\$ 7,857.14
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	\$ 7,857.14

**Payment**

Maine National Bank	\$ 7,857.14
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	\$ 7,857.14

**County Tax**

Assessed	\$ 9,384.00
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	\$ 9,384.00

**Payment**

Treasurer, Knox County	\$ 9,384.00
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	\$ 9,384.00

**Schools, S.A.D. #5 and State**

Assessed	\$154,638.00
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**Payments**

S.A.D. #5	\$ 89,560.28
State Treasurer	60,949.98
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	\$150,510.26
Balance to 1977	<hr/>
	\$ 4,127.74

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. PAULSEN  
NANCY POMROY  
JOHN ELLIOT, SR.

## ***Report of Fire Department***

FOR FIRE OR AMBULANCE

CALL 596-6552

*Please give location, Type of Emergency  
and your name clearly.*

To the Board of Selectmen and the taxpayers of South Thomaston, I hereby submit the report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1976.

The calls for the past year were as follows:

Structural Fires	7
Chimney Fires	3
Flooded Stoves	3
Grass Fires	2
Debris Fires	1
Smoke Investigation	1
Oil Truck Rollover	1
Rescue	1
False Alarms	1
Mutual Aid Calls	1
Mutual Aid Requested	1
Drills — Fire and Ambulance	16

Training programs this year have included pumping, fire tactics, the proper use of ladders, salvage blankets, light water and protective breathing apparatus, two drills were held at the Knox County training tower, two advanced first aid and emergency care courses, an instructors course for advanced first aid and emergency care, light rescue and extrication, CPR and Emergency Medical Technician.

Our main project this year has been the continuation of converting an excess military truck into a tank truck. It is hoped this will be in service soon.

Plans for the coming year include a new fire pond on land of Perley Black and cleaning out some of our existing fire ponds.

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Fire and ambulance calls were up this year resulting in greater expenditures. A breakdown of calls for the last five years is as follows:

Year	Fire Calls	Ambulance Calls
1972	13	35
1973	11	58
1974	14	58
1975	16	68
1976	21	104

When you clean house or want to get rid of some excess, used or unused articles, remember that charity begins at home, save it for our annual firehouse sale. We will pick up anything, anytime. Last year the volunteer firemen through their fund raising efforts and your donations purchased over \$3,300.00 worth of equipment to supplement the tax dollar.

On behalf of the department a very special thank you to the families of William E. Harjula, Sr., Emma H. Johnson and Weston E. Arey, Sr. Specialized training equipment has been purchased and other life sustaining devices will be purchased through your very generous donations to our ambulance fund.

At this time I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the taxpayers and elected officials for their continued support. A special thank you on behalf of the Fire Chiefs to the personnel of the department for their continued attendance at fires, ambulance calls, drills, meetings, work parties, etc., this includes the red phone operators who are as much a part of our department as any Chief or Indian and without whom we could not exist.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD A. BROWN  
Fire Chief

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**(Monies Received from Fund Raising Efforts  
and Donations)**

Cash Balance on Hand January 1, 1976	\$ 45.65
Savings Account	1,769.73

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**Receipts**

Dues	\$ 35.00
*Donations for Fire Department (including Ambulance, Burning, etc.)	742.00
Firehouse Sale	1,079.47
Interest	114.39
Firemen's Dances	1,241.04
Sale of Desk	175.00
 Total Receipts	\$ 3,386.90

\*Includes donations in memory of William E. Harjula, Sr.,  
Emma H. Johnson and Weston E. Arey, Sr.

**Disbursements**

Insurance on Firemen	\$ 117.00
Advertising Firehouse Sale and Dance	107.25
Fire Prevention	19.52
Caps and Emblems	56.05
Tuning Piano	30.00
Instructors mileage for First Aid Course	70.00
Training Manikin for CPR	225.00
Mobile Radio	338.78
Dance Tickets	18.00
Refreshments	194.15
Gifts and Remembrances	62.66
Firemen's Picnic	130.12
Secretary's Salary	25.00
 Total Disbursements	\$ 1,393.53
Cash on Hand December 31, 1976	852.68
 Balance in Savings Account	\$ 3,336.95
Expenses Obligated Prior to December 31, 1976	
Tables and Chairs	\$ 1,512.87
Two Portable Radios	1,110.00
 Actual Funds Available December 31, 1976	\$ 1,566.76

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*Auditor's Report*

Board of Selectmen  
South Thomaston  
Maine 04858

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Title 30, Section 5253, Revised Statutes of 1964, and at your request, we have audited the records of the Town of South Thomaston for the period January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted standards that pertain to municipal accounting and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled.

Exhibits and schedules included in this report impartially present the financial position of the Town and the result of its operations for the period designated.

Comments and other data incorporated in the report may prove of interest to you, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly,

SAWYER & SAWYER  
Accountants and Auditors

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### COMMENTS

Town of South Thomaston  
January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

An audit has been completed of the financial records of the Town of South Thomaston for the municipal year ended December 31, 1976. The audit included an examination of the records maintained by the various officers of the Town. The examination included a review of cash transactions and an analysis of available funds and expenditures. The results are incorporated in the following text, exhibits and schedules.

### ASSETS

The cash balance of \$41,681.72 was reconciled with the statement furnished by the depository bank and count of cash on hand.

Taxes receivable of \$15,682.57 consisted of uncollected current year's accounts of \$15,110.82 and unpaid accounts of prior years totaling \$571.75 dating from 1973.

Transactions affecting tax liens and tax acquired property were reviewed. Unpaid accounts were reconciled with the balances shown on the records of the Selectmen.

### LIABILITIES

At the close of books December 31, 1976, the Town had no recorded liabilities.

### RESERVES

Departmental accounts show an unexpended balance of \$28,649.18 being carried forward to the ensuing year in accordance with legal requirements and as voted at the annual meeting of the townspeople.

### SURPLUS

The unappropriated surplus of \$21,075.92 at the year's end displayed an increase of \$900.18 as compared with the preceding year. An analysis of this increase is shown on Exhibit E of this report.

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**TRUST FUNDS**

The total amount of trust fund principals and undistributed income amounted to \$37,841.75. Principals and income are invested as follows:

U.S. Savings Bonds	\$ 4,500.00
Time Deposits	33,334.43
Due from General Fund	7.32
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	\$ 37,841.75

**GENERAL**

It was noted that the townspeople authorized the use of \$15,624.00 excise tax monies and \$10,100.00 from Surplus for the following purposes:

Street Lighting	\$ 1,000.00
Tarring	2,000.00
State Aid	2,124.00
Fire Truck Fund	1,000.00
General Roads	9,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	1,500.00
Administration	5,000.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Recreation	1,000.00
New Sander	2,100.00
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	\$ 25,724.00

**SCOPE OF AUDIT**

The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. Count of cash was made and records checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions.

An analysis was made of receipts and deposits as well as expenditures and negotiated checks. Vouchers, payrolls and cancelled checks were examined for a selected period.

Excise tax collections were verified by checking receipts retained by the Collector with deposits.

In our opinion, subject to the foregoing comments, the accompanying balance sheet and supporting information fairly present the financial position of the Town at December 31, 1976, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

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Exhibit A

**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 1976      December 31, 1975

**General Fund**

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash in Bank	\$ 41,681.72	\$ 29,997.45
Petty Cash	100.00	100.00
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	\$ 41,781.72	\$ 30,097.46
Taxes Receivable:		
Current Year	15,110.82	10,050.94
Prior Years	571.75	536.51
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	15,682.57	10,587.45
Tax Liens	1,613.49	1,326.76
Tax Acquired Property	895.87	1,705.31
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Total General Fund	\$ 59,973.65	\$ 43,716.98
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Departmental Balances Carried	\$ 28,649.18	\$ 14,608.55
Excise Tax Forward	3,929.69	3,375.08
1976 Tax Prepayment		142.05
State Revenue Sharing	916.17	35.71
Trust Fund Income	7.32	20.19
Tax Relief Reserve	5,395.37	5,395.37
Surplus:		
Unappropriated	21,075.92	20,174.24
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Total—General Fund	\$ 59,973.65	\$ 43,716.98

**Trust Funds**

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Time Deposits	\$ 33,334.43	\$ 30,691.04
Investments	4,500.00	4,500.00
Due from General Fund	7.32	21.06
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Total — Trust Funds	\$ 37,841.75	\$ 35,212.10
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Principals	\$ 31,940.00	\$ 31,340.00
Undistributed Income	5,901.75	3,872.10
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Total — Trust Funds	\$ 37,841.75	\$ 35,212.10

**Debt Fund**

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue	\$ 35,357.15	\$ 43,214.29
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Notes Payable	\$ 35,357.15	\$ 43,214.29

## Exhibit D

## STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

		Year Ended December 31, 1976					BALANCES		
		Balances	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Dis- bursements	Lapsed	Carried
General Government:		\$ 1,349.40	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,006.52	\$ 5,107.25	\$ 14,463.17	\$ 16,144.82	\$ (1,681.65)	
Administration			500.00	653.65		1,153.65	1,181.76	(28.11)	
Municipal Bldg. Grounds		<u>1,349.40</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>3,660.17</u>	<u>5,107.25</u>	<u>15,616.82</u>	<u>17,326.58</u>	<u>(1,709.76)</u>	
Protection:									
Fire Department		2,500.00	1,500.00	158.62	1,000.00	3,658.62	4,785.30	(1,126.68)	
Fire Hose & Equipment			2,500.00		1,000.00	2,500.00	2,504.43	(4.43)	
Insurance						2,500.00	2,953.00	(453.00)	
Elm Tree Protection		700.00		294.00		994.00	435.00	\$ 559.00	
Ambulance Service		800.66		1,675.00		2,475.66	2,303.49	172.17	
Street Lighting		211.73	1,000.00	19.20	1,000.00	2,230.93	2,005.23	225.70	
Civil Defense		479.03		698.98		1,178.01	117.00	1,061.01	
		<u>1,491.42</u>	<u>8,200.00</u>	<u>2,845.80</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>15,537.22</u>	<u>15,103.45</u>	<u>(1,584.11)</u>	<u>2,017.88</u>
Health & Sanitation:									
Health Services		129.74	135.00			129.74			129.74
Mid-Coast Mental Health			2,500.00		1,500.00	135.00	135.00		
Solid Waste Disposal			250.00			4,000.00	4,012.00		
Mid-Coast Home Health			831.00			250.00	250.00		
Mid-Coast Human Resources						831.00	831.00		
		<u>129.74</u>	<u>3,716.00</u>		<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>5,345.74</u>	<u>5,228.00</u>	<u>(12.00)</u>	<u>129.74</u>

<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>							
General Highways	8,000.00	1,976.63	9,000.00	18,976.63	21,017.58	(2,040.95)	3,837.20
State Aid	1,062.00		2,124.00	3,837.20			4,220.25
Tarring	2,000.00		2,000.00	4,220.25			2,100.00
New Sander			2,100.00	2,100.00			
<b>Charities:</b>							
General Welfare	871.45	11,062.00	1,976.63	15,224.00	29,134.08	21,017.58	(2,040.95)
	987.40				987.40	297.56	689.84
<b>Recreation:</b>							
Public Park & Landing	570.31	200.00		770.31	273.52		496.79
Recreation	2,119.94	1,000.00	2,000.00	6,119.94	1,700.00		4,419.94
Library	4.12	75.00		79.12	69.90		9.22
WCBB Channel 10		50.00		50.00	50.00		
Little Red Schoolhouse	104.12	1,000.00		1,104.12	738.00		366.12
Grange Hall	1,073.00	500.00	380.00	1,953.00	839.58		1,113.42
Pee Wee Basketball		50.00		50.00	50.00		
Pee Wee Football		50.00		50.00	50.00		
	3,871.49	2,925.00	2,380.00	1,000.00	10,176.49	3,771.00	6,405.49
<b>Interest &amp; Debt:</b>							
Interest on Municipal Bldg. Loan	461.50	2,000.00	995.13	87.40	2,461.50	2,210.30	251.20
General Interest	502.19				1,584.72	1,243.84	340.88
Fire Truck Note	4,683.00	1,500.00	7,857.14		6,183.00	3,238.00	2,945.00
Municipal Bldg. Loan					7,857.14	7,857.14	
	5,646.69	3,500.00	8,852.27	87.40	18,086.36	14,549.28	3,537.08

<b>Special Assessments:</b>						
County Tax	9,384.00		9,384.00			
SAD #5 & School Tax	154,638.00		154,638.00	150,510.26		4,127.74
Overlay	9,279.01		9,279.01			
	173,301.01			173,301.01	159,894.26	9,279.01
						4,127.74
<b>Unclassified:</b>						
Ambulance Reserve	500.00		500.00			500.00
Planting Shade Trees	500.00		500.00			500.00
Cemeteries	400.00		400.00			211.50
Veterans' Burial Ground	100.00		100.00	88.50		11.50
Shellfish Conservation				160.96		160.96
Mid-Coast Regional Planning				134.68		134.68
Bicentennial Committee				200.00		200.00
Revolutionary Soldier Plaque				125.00	142.50	(17.50)
Sea-Me Service				800.00	800.00	
	260.96	2,659.68		2,920.64	1,354.18	(17.50)
						1,583.96
<b>Total — All Departments</b>	<b>\$14,608.55</b>	<b>\$210,863.69</b>	<b>\$ 19,714.87</b>	<b>\$ 25,918.65</b>	<b>\$271,105.76</b>	<b>\$ 238,541.89</b>
						<b>\$ 3,914.69</b>
						<b>\$ 28,649.18</b>

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*Annual Report of  
School Administrative District No. 5*

To: Citizens of School Administrative District #5

This is the eighteenth annual report to the citizens of School Administrative District #5, comprising the municipalities of Owls Head, Rockland and South Thomaston, concerning the conditions and progress of the District Schools, of which there are seven.

The Board of Directors are elected from the municipalities of the District and they serve 3 year terms of office. They represent all people and direct the operation of the schools of the three communities. Members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

*Owls Head*

Gerard Burns  
Raymond Fuller

James Gorman

*Rockland*

Emery Howard, Jr.  
Ronald Melendy  
Richard Pescosolido  
David Ramsdell

Patricia Pendleton  
Elizabeth Stowell  
Helen Thomas

*South Thomaston*

Barbara Colby  
Sally Merchant

Ralph Tyler

Maine State Statutes basically outlines the specific duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors. Generally they operate in the field of school policy making, planning, finances, evaluation, public relations and personnel negotiations. Each of these roles are time consuming and yet each Director has given freely of his time to insure schools will operate programs so that each student will have the opportunity to develop to his full individual capacity. During the past year, 77 meetings (12 regular, 25 special, and 40 sub-committee meetings) were held to aid in obtaining this goal.

The public is constantly requesting new services and new programs while wanting to keep the costs of schools down. This posture presents a real dilemma and both views must be carefully considered in making decisions which affect the education of pupils and taxpayers' pocketbooks. Our students must have up-to-date offerings so that they can compete, upon graduation, for entrance into schools of higher learning or for employment. Therefore, the Board is constantly re-evaluating and reviewing all phases of the school program and operating procedures in order to keep local educational costs at a minimum and to still offer quality programs. Increased operating efficiency, quality teaching and high educational achievement for each student are the underlying goals of this school district.

### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Following is the enrollment comparison over the past two years of resident pupils in the district.

#### September, 1975

Level	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P.G.	Tot.
Elementary	149	191	146	150	163	194	90								1083
Junior High							98	162	200						460
High School										199	176	145	167	—	687
TOTALS	149	191	146	150	163	194	188	162	200	199	176	145	167	—	2230

#### September, 1976

Level	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P.G.	Tot.
Elementary	200	182	178	147	163	172	92								1134
Junior High								101	185	170					456
High School										203	187	164	132	9	695
TOTALS	200	182	178	147	163	172	193	185	170	203	187	164	132	9	2285

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The above chart indicates an increase of fifty-five students enrolled in S.A.D. #5 for September of 1976. The increase is primarily due to an increase in kindergarten students over the previous year. A study of potential kindergarten entrants for September, 1977 indicates a probable entering enrollment of 189 students. Entering enrollments for a two year period appear to be on an increase and will be reflected in increased enrollments for the school district.

### FINANCES

The Maine State Department of Audit has completed a fiscal audit of the District's Operations Accounts for the school fiscal year 1976. (July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976). These are on file in the Office of the Superintendent on Grace Street in Rockland. Copies are also on file in the offices of each municipality in the District.

The following summary from the audit report is of receipts and expenditures for the school fiscal year.

### RECEIPTS

Balance	\$ 273,901.23
State of Maine	2,131,308.82
Municipal Assessments	236,171.09
Temporary Loans	235,000.00
Federal Projects	89,516.80
Tuition	44,732.60
C.E.T.A. Program	23,337.71
Miscellaneous	16,371.42
Interest — School Building Authority	12,209.13
Adult Education	5,808.36
Driver Education	3,930.00
Conveyance	1,750.00
Trust Fund Income	1,650.00
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	\$3,075,687.16

### EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$ 81,034.84
Instruction	1,524,381.54
Health Services	10,606.21
Pupil Transportation	82,624.49
Operation of Plant	203,749.96

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Maintenance of Plant	72,904.57
Fixed Charges	97,244.23
Food Services	3,000.00
Capital Outlay	88,551.46
Debt Service	115,074.16
Transfers and Tuition	139,764.94
Student Activities	10,691.00
Non-Operating	565,047.28
	\$2,994,674.68
Net Balance — June 30, 1976	\$ 81,012.48

Costs reflect continued increases in the inflationary rate of wages, materials and services.

In compliance with State law, the district has moved from a calendar year budget to a fiscal year budget for the first time as is reflected in the audit summary report.

#### **FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION**

\$89,516.80 was received for the support of elementary school programs. The thrust of the Federal Aid is to assist educationally disadvantaged students with language and mathematics skills. Teachers and aides distributed throughout the district are employed with these funds. The programs are being continued as funds are made available.

#### **BUILDINGS**

There has been an emphasis placed on the maintenance of buildings by the Directors and considerable work and expenditures are provided. Inspection of district properties by the State Board of Occupational Safety and Health, and the State Department of Public Safety, supports the need for continued efforts in building maintenance.

#### **SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

The school district has placed a major emphasis on providing instruction for the exceptional child. State Law states, "The Commissioner shall provide, or caused to be provided by Administrative Units operating schools, all supportive assistance and services required." In accordance, programs are being provided in the areas of speech, audition, perceptual functions, behavior, and mental development and

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maturity. These programs are supported by in large through a State program of funding.

During the past school year, the district initiated a complete new reading system which is being monitored for maximum effectiveness.

Presently, the district's English program is under study with anticipation of staff recommendations. Other disciplines will benefit from communications which has developed between teachers at all levels of instruction.

Approximately 100 High School students are attending twelve vocational programs at the new Region #8 facility on a half-time basis. Other High School students are being placed in cooperative work-study programs.

Your school district has seen a change in key personnel for the 1975-1976 school fiscal year. The Superintendent, the Superintendent's Assistant, the High School Principal, and High School Athletic Director are new to these posts. The cooperation of the public and school community in the transition has been very much appreciated. The intentions of the school district has been positive in providing education at all levels. It is our profound desire to continue working with you in a positive manner that will benefit future goals.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROBERT A. SENA**  
Superintendent of Schools

## ***Town Warrant***

To Charles St. Clair, a constable in the town of South Thomaston, in the County of Knox:

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of South Thomaston, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Grange Hall on Wednesday the 23rd of March, A.D. 1977 at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a tax collector.

Art. 3. To choose a town clerk and treasurer to serve also as bookkeeper and secretary to the Selectmen, who will work at the town office with set hours, and to fix the salary.

Art. 4. To choose 1 selectman, 1 assessor, and 1 overseer of the poor for a term of three years.

Art. 5. To fix the salaries of the selectmen for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To choose a member of the board of Directors of School Administrative District #5 for a term of three years.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to elect a Road Commissioner and elect the same or leave the appointment to the selectmen.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint the following officers:

- a. One position of Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Treasurer, to also serve as bookkeeper and secretary to the selectmen.
- b. One Road Commissioner.
- c. All other necessary town officers.

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Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Comprehensive Plan as presented by the Planning Board and to raise a sum of money to cover printing costs.

Recommended Appropriation \$100

Art. 10. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for administration for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$9,000)  
(Excise — \$3,000)  
(Surplus — \$3,000)

Art. 11. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for insurance for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$3,500)

Art. 12. To see if the Town will accept revisions to Flood Hazard Building Permit System and Review procedure, and elects to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-448) as amended.

Art. 13. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the maintenance of highways and bridges inclusive of patrol maintenance, snow removal, sanding, cutting and removing bushes on town roads.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$12,000)  
(Excise — \$10,000)

Art. 14. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for State Aid Road construction (In addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Title 23 MRSA sections 1101, 1103 or 1104.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$1,333)  
(Excise — \$2,666)

Art. 15. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the tarring of town roads.

(Budget Committee recommends from excise \$2,000)

Art. 16. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for solid waste disposal.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$3,500)  
(Surplus \$1,500)

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Art. 17. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for street lights for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$1,400)  
(Surplus \$1,000)

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to set the price per hour to be paid for labor, trucks and road commissioner.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to pay the fire chief and fix the salary.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to pay the two assistant fire chiefs and fix their salaries.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to set the price per hour to be paid for firemen.

Art. 22. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for fire protection for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$3,000)  
(Surplus — \$2,200)

Art. 23. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for new hose and equipment for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$1,000)  
(Surplus \$1,000)

Art. 24. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the fire truck loan.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$500)

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and/or Fire Chief to accept bids for the sale of the old tank truck.

Art. 26. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for ambulance service.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$500)

Art. 27. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the ambulance reserve fund.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$1,000)

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Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept as a town road the existing roadway on the Perley Black property from present completed road at end of David Libby property, in a southerly direction approximately 2500 feet from lot #7 through lot #31 and #E6 through #E1, if and when easements are procured and the roadway meets town specifications

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to plow the road described in the previous article.

Art. 30. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Municipal Bldg. interest account.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$2,000)

Art. 31. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for fire ponds for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$800)

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to use all federal revenue sharing monies and accrued interest toward loan payment of the municipal building.

Art. 33. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Municipal Building grounds.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$2,000)

(Surplus — \$800)

Art. 34. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for care and improvements to the town park and landings.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$200)

Art. 35. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for care and improvements of the Grange Hall for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$500)

Art. 36. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for care and improvement of the Little Red School House for the ensuing year.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$500)

Art. 37. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the So. Thomaston Public Library.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$100)

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Art. 38. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for recreational purposes on the town property.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$1,000)

Art. 39. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for pruning, treatment, and removal of Elm trees in the town.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$200)

Art. 40. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the planting of shade trees in the town.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$500)

Art. 41. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for cemetery work.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$300)

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to accept the following cemetery trust funds, the interest from which is to be used for perpetual care of their cemetery lots.

1. John and Annie Burton — \$300

2. Herman Payson — \$300

3. Richard and Harriet Lufkin — \$300

Art. 43. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the care of burial grounds of veterans of any war of the U.S.A.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$50)

Art. 44. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the care and disposition of stray dogs.

(Budget Committee recommends appropriate \$100)

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to have the unexpended balance carried forward.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to instruct the treasurer to withhold the payment of all orders to persons to the amount of their indebtedness to the town for taxes and other causes.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to accept the following method for the collection of taxes. Taxes to become due July 1. Interest at a rate of 6% to be charged after December 31 of the current year and interest to be retro-

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active to September 1st. Requests for abatements must be made within 90 days after receipt of tax bill.

Art. 48. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for See-Me services.

(Requested \$800)

Art. 49. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for Pee Wee Football and Basketball programs.

(Recommended \$50 Basketball)

(Recommended \$50 Football)

Art. 50. To see what sum the town will vote to raise or appropriate for WCBB Channel 10 Television Station.

(Requested \$100)

Art. 51. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate \$200 for its share of the support of the Eastern Midcoast Planning Comm.

Art. 52. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate \$531.69 for the support of the Midcoast Human Resource Council.

Art. 53. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate \$207.75 for the support of Mid-Coast Mental Health Center.

Art. 54. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate \$300 for the support of "Coastal Workshop" (Camden).

Art. 55. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate \$124.65 for Community Alcoholic Services.

Art. 56. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate \$275 for Kno-Wal-Lin Community Health Service.

Art. 57. Shall the town authorize the Maine State Housing Authority to seek and contract financial assistance from the Federal Government for the purpose of providing housing for low income persons and families.



Art. 58 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any monies received from Title II of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 Antirecession Fiscal Assistance for paying balance due on Municipal Bldg. Acct., for the maintenance of roads and bridges, and for general administration.

Rec. for administration	\$2226
" " roads & bridges	2200
" " Munic. Bldg.	<u>5738</u>
	\$10164

If so voted this would reduce the amounts recommended to be appropriated under Art. 10

Appropriation	\$6800
Excise	3000
Surplus	3000

and Art. 13

Appropriate	\$9800
Excise	10000

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The registrar will be in session at 6:30 in the evening of March 23, 1977 for the registration of voters and correcting the voting list.

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Donald Paulsen	Sally Merchant
John Elliott	Ralph Colby
Nancy Pomroy	Bill Butman
Charles Watts	John Hansen









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